(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such demands arise on account of economic imbalances. The Government is of the view that such imbalances in a particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planning and the creation of a separate State may, not be the answer to the problem.

Revision of the demarcation of Boundaries of Linguistic States

20. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the demarcation of the boundaries of the linguistic States as existing now; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a Commission for review of the present policy in respect of the linguistic States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Implementation of Assam Accord

21. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Accord remains yet to be implemented;

(b) the extent to which the Accord has been implemented;

(c) the extent to which it remains to be implemented; and

(d) what are the reasons for the non-implementation of the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d) There has been substantial progress in the implementation of the Assam Accord. A statement showing the latest position is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 2]

Implementation of Punjab Accord

22. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Accord (Rajiv-Longowal) remains yet to be fully implemented;

(b) the extent to which the agreement has been implemented;

(c) the extent to which it remains to be implemented; and

(d) what are the reasons for the non-implementation of the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Out of 11 items in the Memorandum of Settlement, 8 items (compensation to innocent persons killed) (item: 1); Army recruitment (item: 2); Inquiry into November incidents (item: 3); Rehabilitation of those discharged from Army (item: 4); Disposal of pending cases (item: 6); Centre-State Relations (item 8); Representation of Minorities (item: 10) and Promotion of Punjabi language (item.11) have already been implemented. Action has been initiated to implement the remaining 3 items (All India Gurudwara Act (item: 5); Territorial Claims (item: 7) and Sharing of river waters (item: 9), as well.